

## Introduction to ITS VPN Services at UofT

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#### What is a VPN?

- VPN (Virtual Private Network) software re-routes your Internet connection through an intermediate destination, which changes your IP address
- UofT's Information Security department offers 2 institutional VPN services; both will assign you a UofT IP address
- Benefits: access to certain restricted resources, secure (encrypted) Internet connection

#### **USAGE NOTES**

- Videoconferencing (Teams, Zoom) and media streaming require large amounts of bandwidth and will be very slow if used over UofT's institutional VPNs
- Minimize use where possible many systems do not require VPN

#### VPN Services at the University of Toronto

- UTORvpn: General on-campus IP address. Available to faculty/staff, selected students on all campuses
- 2) AdminsysVPN: Specialized IP address for access to ROSI, AMS. Restricted to authorized individuals, also requires eToken

#### **OTHER SERVICES**

- LegacyVPN: Previous general service using OpenVPN software.
  Decommissioning temporarily suspended
- Independent, locally-managed VPNs for specific units (e.g. campus, faculty/college, department)

## UTORvpn (General On-Campus Access)

- 1) Install Cisco AnyConnect Secure Mobility Client (Win, Mac, Linux, mobile apps)
- 2) Open AnyConnect and connect to general.vpn.utoronto.ca





- 3) Enter UTORid and password when prompted, wait for green checkmark over lock image
- 4) Disconnect by opening AnyConnect and pressing "Disconnect" button

## AdminsysVPN (Access to ROSI, AMS)

#### REQUIREMENTS

- Install Cisco AnyConnect Secure Mobility Client on the same device as the web browser (for ROSI) or SAP GUI (for AMS)
- Install SafeNet Authentication Client (eToken reader) on the same device as AnyConnect
  - Also on home Mac for Remote Desktop
- Person must have eToken with them, and have previously completed the paperwork for ROSI/AMS access

Note AdminsysVPN may not grant access to departmental shared drives (H:, I: drives).

## Access ROSI/AMS Directly

- Install AnyConnect, SafeNet on the machine (work machines should already have both installed)
- 2) Plug in eToken
- 3) Turn on AdminsysVPN
  - a) Open AnyConnect and connect to port.eis.utoronto.ca
  - b) Select correct security certificate, enter eToken password in SafeNet window
- 4) Access systems as normal: ROSI through web browser, AMS through SAP GUI
- 5) Disconnect AnyConnect when finished and unplug eToken

Remember not to store confidential information on personal devices.

## Access ROSI/AMS via Remote Desktop

- Plug eToken into home computer
- 2) Connect home computer to remote desktop as per departmental instructions
- 3) On campus workstation, turn on AdminsysVPN
  - a) AnyConnect connection to port.eis.utoronto.ca
  - b) Select correct security certificate, enter eToken password in SafeNet window
- 4) Access systems on the campus workstation as normal: ROSI through web browser, AMS through SAP GUI
- 5) Don't forget to disconnect/log off from campus workstation, instead of shutting down or just closing the remote desktop window
- 6) Unplug eToken from home computer

#### **Future plans**

- Integration with weblogin interface to unify user login experience
- Enable multi-factor authentication as that service rolls out

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#### Resources

#### Tutorials and documentation in the IT Service Centre Knowledge Base https://uoft.me/ESC

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#### **Questions?**

- Ask local IT or appropriate system administrators about how to access specific resources/systems
- Technical support for UTORvpn, AdminsysVPN, LegacyVPN provided by InfoSec VPN team (vpn@utoronto.ca)

# Thanks!

Q&A with experts from:

- Information Security VPN team
- EASI Digital Workplace
- Student Information Systems (ROSI)
- Information Commons Help Desk